

109 Glenwood Boulevard,  
Schenectady, N.Y.,  
Oct. 3, 1922.

My dear Commerford:

Your favor of Sept. 28th came at termination of our vacation in Adirondack Woods.

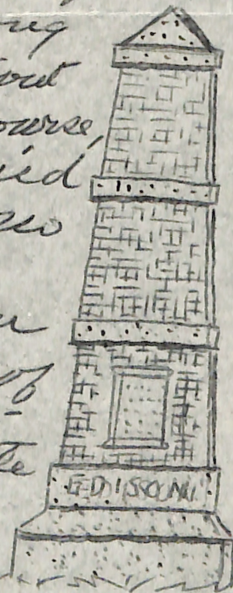
Thanks, many, for snapshot of Edison's Menlo Park machine shop ruins. I shall cherish it.

About that monument: I think the plan of constructing it from the bricks of the machine shop is a good one, if the mortar is not so strong as to prevent removal without too much breakage. Of course, the bricks should be relaid in cement and sand, and no lime mortar.

Here is a crude suggestion for a design. Monument of brick, filled solid with concrete; and a cap, intermediate courses and foundation or base, all of granite, which, possibly, may be supplied from the machine shop foundation, although I fear that was made up from common, broken ledge rock.

Then the monument should bear a bronze tablet with suitable inscription, and on the plinth the one word EDISON. I think the tablet should give the bee-line distance from center of monument, and direction from true (not magnetic) north, to the main entrance to laboratory, machine shop, office and lamp making house.

Sincerely, Chas. L. Clark



The chart, simplicity  
of such a monument  
would attract and  
impress every passer-by.